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A communications link between you and your government, this publication intends to keep you informed about the “happenings” in your town.

Message from Town Hall

Beach Nourishment Update

The Outer Banks’ first ever large scale beach nourishment project is one step closer to its projected spring/summer 2011 start with the selection of Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, Oak Brook, IL as the dredging contractor for the project.



Bids from three contractors were opened Tuesday, February 22. At their meeting earlier today, the Nags Head Board of Commissioners gave Town Manager Cliff Ogburn approval to contract with the lowest bidder, which was Great Lakes at \$30,184,000 to dredge and place up to 4.6 million cubic yards of sand on ten miles of Nags Head’s beach in one season from April 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011. Alternate bids were accepted for work to be finished in two seasons instead of one, with a completion date of July 31, 2012..

Bid A requires all work to be completed between April 1, 2011 and November 30, 2011

Bid B requires all work to be completed between April 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock

Bid A - \$30,184,000

Bid B - \$28,394,000

Manson Construction

Bid A - \$40,120,000

Bid B - \$36,650,000

Weeks Marine

Bid A - \$38,450,000

Bid B - \$37,450,000

“We were excited to see that the bids reflect lower per cubic yard costs than what was received for recent projects in the southern end of the state,” said Town Manager Cliff Ogburn. “It seems that now is the perfect time to conduct this project. The lack of hurricane-related work, combined with the federal government’s decrease in beach nourishment funding, is giving us more for our money.”

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Ogburn explained further, "The Town has worked for many years to get this critical community project underway. Now we are one step closer to being able to ensure that Nags Head is no longer at great risk each time a storm comes in."

There remains pending a lawsuit recently filed by 44 property owners who have declined to give the Town an easement to allow work to be done on their property. The suit challenges the Town's process of obtaining easements.

"We can't afford to wait another season, and watch homes, waterlines, and streets, wash away during even

the smallest of storms," Ogburn said. "Erosion is a community problem; it affects our entire town. During a small storm this past fall, the ocean flooded parts of South Virginia Dare Trail in our Historic District, as well as parts of South Old Oregon Inlet Road in south Nags Head. Retreat is simply no longer working."

Also at their March 2 meeting, the Nags Head Board of Commissioners accepted a proposal by RBC Bank to purchase \$18 million in special obligation bonds for the project. The Town must now apply to the North Carolina Local Government Commission prior to issuance of the bonds. A major function of the Commission

is the approval, sale, and delivery of substantially all North Carolina local government bonds and notes. A second key function is monitoring certain fiscal and accounting standards prescribed for units of local government by North Carolina's Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

For more information, visit the Beach Nourishment section of Nags Head's web site at www.townofnagshead.net.

Jennette's Pier at Nags Head

Opening May 21

Fishing, families, and fun. That's what we can all look forward to with the grand reopening of Jennette's Pier in Nags Head!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21, 2011, when the new state-of-the-art, LEED certified, 1,000-foot concrete pier and 16,000-square-foot pier house will be christened and reopened to the public.

Originally built in 1939, Jennette's is the oldest fishing pier on the Outer Banks. Battered by storms and rebuilt many times throughout its seventy-year life, Jennette's was knocked down by Hurricane Isabel in 2003, just after the pier and its five-acre tract were purchased by the NC Aquarium Society. Now, after years of planning and twenty-four months of construction, Jennette's will reemerge in 2011 as a one-of-a-kind educational ocean pier. The Aquarium-operated complex will feature educational classrooms and programs, alternative energy demonstrations, live animal exhibits, meeting facilities, a snack bar and tackle shop, and a host of other displays and features for good family fun....with great fishing too!



A view of the pier from the new pier house at Jennette's as of January 2011.

The Town of Nags Head

Celebrating 50 Years!

The Town of Nags Head is celebrating its 50th anniversary June 14, 2011 with several events this spring. Mark your calendars now.

March

On March 20th the Town's 50th Anniversary Celebration is the first float in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

April

In April Nags Head Elementary School will hold a voluntary art competition. Judging will take place on April 15th with awards presented at a school assembly on April 20th - the 7 winners will be displayed at Glenn Eure's Ghost Fleet Art Gallery until May 18th when they will be go on display at Town Hall.

May

On May 18th from 4 - 7 pm - Tours will take place at Town Hall of the Town's permanent art collection with many of the artists in attendance - reception/event is free, snacks will be provided.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 - 4 pm docents will be available to conduct tours of the Town's art collection.

June

June 14 - 18 - Carnival at Windmill Point - rides, games, food concessions, local vendors; carnival conducted by out-of-town firm Boardwalk Attractions but space will be provided for local vendors!

June 14 - 10 am at Windmill Point - Opening ceremonies, presentation of Town gift, Town Lightkeeper ceremony, birthday cake-cutting/eating, raffle drawings (raffle for homemade quilt "Nags Head Ocean Waves" designed/pieced/quilted by local quilters and jewelry from Jewelry by Gail)

June 14 - Community Watch Golf Tournament at Village at Nags Head course

June 14 - GALA EVENT! Social at Jennette's Pier, 6 - 10 pm - tickets \$50/person - band is Old Enough To Know Better playing from 7 - 10 pm - Cost includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages - Only 200 tickets available.

In addition, the 50th Anniversary Committee has completed the keepsake cookbook "Fifty Years and Still Cooking," which includes many local recipes, photos, and stories.

To help with this celebration, contact John Ratzenberger, Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee
home 252-480-0752, cell 252-573-9016, JohnRatzenberger@earthlink.net

The Town 50th Anniversary Committee meets the second and last Thursday of each month.

Please monitor www.townofnagshead.net for more information.

Nags Head Fire & Rescue Wins FEMA Grant to Assist With Purchase of Enhanced Public Safety Radios

The Town of Nags Head has recently received a \$107,075 Assistance to Firefighters grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist the Town's Fire and Rescue department with transitioning to the required 800 MHz radio system.

Dare County and its municipalities are currently replacing the existing UHF and VHF radio system with a narrow band 800 MHz system. The new system addresses several critical communications issues including the need for reliability, survivability, and growth capacity. The transition to 800 MHz should be complete by the spring of 2011.

Grant (AFG) program provides fire departments with resources to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. A program of the Federal Emergency Management

Agency, grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards.

"We are grateful to FEMA for recognizing the steps we are taking to further ensure the safety of emergency personnel and the people we protect and assist," said Fire Chief Kevin Zorc. "The Town is looking forward to working with FEMA as we use the grant funds to help with the purchase of 800 MHz radios and accessories."

Nags Head's Police Department will also transition to the new 800 MHz system.

FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters

Tips from the **Septic Health Initiative**

- Conserve water use by periodically checking for leaking faucets and toilets.
- Do not overuse a septic system; it is specifically designed for the number of bedrooms in the residence (2 people/bedroom). Over-occupancy can cause drastic effects on a system's operation and longevity.
- Do not flush grease, coffee grounds, paint, or heavy chemicals, heavy paper products (i.e. diapers, paper towels, thick wipes, cigarette butts) or food waste into a septic system if at all possible. Please use the trash can whenever you can!
- Wash clothing throughout the week, versus doing all washing in one day.

Call the Town of Nags Head for more information on septic system maintenance, the no cost inspection program, and how to receive a water credit for having your septic tank pumped.

You can also fill out a septic inspection request form at www.townofnagshead.net, found in the Planning & Development section of Town Departments.

Town of Nags Head Septic Health Initiative, 252-449-6047 or krafft@townofnagshead.net

Nags Head Police Department

Update

As a community with many out of town stakeholders, the Nags Head Police Department takes care to employ communication methods that reach past state lines. Though the Department's headquarters is physically located at 5401 S. Croatan Highway in the municipal complex, you can still be privy to a wealth of information from the Department, without ever leaving your sofa.

Web Site Communications

Concerned that your Nags Head home is empty and possibly vulnerable to thieves during the offseason? Want a direct line to the Police in order to report a crime tip quickly? You can do all of this by simply visiting the Town's web site at www.townofnagshead.net, and clicking on the Town Departments button on the left side of the front page, and then clicking on Police.

The Department's web site provides a significant amount of information, including:

- recent crimes by month
- local crime prevention tips
- officer staffing directory
- employment opportunities
- commendations/complaints for staff
- unsolved crime listing (current crimes for which investigators are seeking assistance in solving)

The web site is updated often so that we can ensure the most current information is available to those who are concerned about our community.

Email Communications

Did you know that you can also offer crime tips and receive emails regarding recent crimes simply by signing up for Police Chief Kevin Brinkley's Community Information Exchange? The Nags Head Community Information Exchange provides current crime advisories, crime prevention tips, and general public safety news to those who join. Just call the Department at 252-441-6386 or email Chief Brinkley at kevinbrinkley@townofnagshead.net to sign up!

Face to Face Communications - The Community Watch Program

Established in 1995, the Nags Head Community Watch Program is an organization sponsored by the Nags Head Police Division and maintained by town residents. Community Watch members assist the police by acting as another set of "eyes and ears" for the Department. They hold meetings the second Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, and October) at 7 pm at the Town's municipal complex. Call the Police Department at 252-441-6386 for meeting times for the August and December meetings.

At the meetings, Community Watch members speak with each other and with police officers about concerns and problems within their neighborhoods. The town is divided into several community watch areas. Each area is represented by a resident "Community Watch Captain" and a police officer who is assigned to that area. This officer is the neighborhood residents first contact for any questions, concerns or problems the resident may be dealing with.

Sanitation Collection Schedule

Residential

East Route

Properties south of NC 12/1243 intersection (Whalebone Junction), properties located on NC 12, and properties south of MP 11.5/Old Nags Head Place that lie between NC 12 and US 158



Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

West Route

Properties west of US 158, properties north of MP 11.5/
Old Nags Head Place that lie between NC 12 and US 158, and properties accessed from US 64/264

Same Schedule All Year Tuesday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m. (winter) and 3 a.m. (summer)

Please roll out carts facing the street the day prior to collection day and back to the house on collection day.

Having a special event and need to rent extra carts?

Call Public Works, 252-441-1122.

Commercial

Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

Bulk Item/Brush Drop Off/Collection

Bulk items/brush can be dropped off throughout the year at the Town's collection site at 2211 Lark Avenue, across from Public Works.

Site hours are:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

From October 1 through April 30, the Town will collect bulk/brush items from your curb by appointment. Call Nags Head Public Works at 252-441-1122 for more information.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Curbside Collection

Curbside recycling is provided by Outer Banks Hauling (252-480-6699). For \$7.45/month, Outer Banks Hauling will provide a recycling container in which to place your recyclables. The container will be emptied every Tuesday. Outer Banks Hauling offers a seasonal service (3 month minimum contract) for residential properties that may not need recyclable collection all year.

Town Collection Points

Open 24 hours/day

- Nags Head Town Hall
- Nags Head Public Works
- Huron St. Public Beach Access

Town Boards and Committees

Board of Commissioners

Mayor Bob Oakes, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Gray,
Doug Remaley, Anna Sadler, and M. Renée Cahoon

Planning Board

Chair Robert Edwards, Vice-Chair Susie Walters,
Carl "Pogie" Worsley, Angelina Lowe, Clyde Futrell,
Tom Haddon, Marvin Demers, and alternate Barbara
Gernat

Board of Adjustments

Chair Jack Cooper, Vice-Chair Margaret Suppler,
Alvin Hibbs, Susan Boncek, Judy Burnette, and
alternates Bob Muller, Matt Whelan, John Mascaro,
and Bobby Gentry

Serve your community by volunteering for a Town board or committee. Applications are kept on file for two years for consideration by the Board of Commissioners when vacancies occur. If interested, call the Town Clerk at 252-449-2009 or obtain an application from www.townofnagshead.net.

Personnel Grievance Panel

John Ratzenberger, Perry White, and George Barnes

Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair John Ratzenberger, Vice-Chair Russell Lay,
Susan Boncek, John White; Dennis Mabe; Marty
Moore, Suzanne Tate, Toni Parker, C. Patrick
Pritchard, and Perry White

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Bob Oakes, Perry White, Bobby Gentry, and Jeffrey
Ackerman

Municipal Complex Information

Town Manager

Cliff Ogburn

Finance Officer

Kim Kenny

Fire Chief

Kevin Zorc

Interim Planning and Development Director

Bruce Bortz

Police Chief

Kevin Brinkley

Public Works Director

Dave Clark

Town Clerk

Carolyn F. Morris

Public Information

5401 S. Croatan Highway
Administration, Finance/Tax, Water Billing, Planning/
Development
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-5508, Email: info@townofnagshead.net

Public Works

2200 Lark Avenue
Public Facilities Maintenance, Sanitation, Fleet Maintenance,
Water Distribution and Operations
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
252-441-1122
Email: publicworks@townofnagshead.net

Police

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
5401 S. Croatan Highway
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-6386, Fax 252-441-7335
Email: police@townofnagshead.net

Fire and Ocean Rescue

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
Fire Station 16, 5314 S. Croatan Highway
24 Hours, 252-441-5909, Fax 252-441-8268
Fire Station 21, 8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Road
24 Hours, 252-441-2910, Fax 252-441-3978
Email: fire@townofnagshead.net



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Town Meeting Calendar

Agendas for Board of Commissioners meetings are published in advance in *The Coastland Times*. All meetings will be held in the Board Room unless otherwise specified. Agenda and background material for the Board of Commissioners meetings can be found on the Town's web site at www.townofnagshead.net.

Board of Commissioners

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. An adjourned session is held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. when the Board has a need to hold a second meeting during the month. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Planning Board

Meets the third Tuesday of each month (except in December when they meet the second Tuesday instead) at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Board of Adjustments

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Board Room when there is a case to be heard by them.

Community Watch

Meets the second Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, and October) at 7 p.m. in the Police Training Room. Call the Police Department at 252-441-6386 for meeting times for the August and December meetings.

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Personnel Grievance Panel

Meets in the Board Room on an as-needed basis when a grievance is referred to them.